

Final haul route meeting reveals date of ... final haul route meeting

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While a fourth public information centre regarding a quarry application in Flamborough did reveal a preferred haul route, St Marys Cement wants to hold one more meeting this fall

before confirming its preference.

The route isn't recommended quite yet, but St Marys has isolated a route travelling through neighbouring Campbellville as its preference. The route has St Marys trucks traveling east from one of the proposed 158-hectare 11th Concession quarry site, turning north on Milborough Townline and then east onto Campbellville Road. The vehicles will head north up Twiss Road, travel east on Reid Side Road before merging onto Hwy 401 from the Guelph Line interchange.

Flamborough councillor Margaret McCarthy said that scheduling a fifth meeting conflicts with a process outlined by a Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART), a group of municipalities and agencies with a stake in the quarry application.

"This (public meeting) does not meet the minimum requirements" of the CART terms of reference, McCarthy said.

St Marys vice president John Moroz acknowledged that while the CART's terms identifies the fourth meeting to announce a recommended haul route, "we have not done that this evening," he said.

"We're giving the CART the time to go through the information," and scheduling a fifth meeting in the fall to answer any additional questions about the haul routes, Moroz said.

"You (McCarthy) brought forward some concerns about site contamination," he continued. "We wanted to give just a quick update on that."

"You don't have the authority to appease our concerns on site contamination," McCarthy replied.

Milton resident Kevin Brackley, speaking on behalf of Ward 3 Milton Councillor Cindy Lunau, read out a motion that passed at town council on June 23. The motion requests the City of Hamilton to cease CART's consideration of the traffic haul route study until environmental and hydrogeology reports are produced on the St Marys site. Milton's passed recommendation also puts \$30,000 from the town's capital works reserves towards having a peer review of all documents related to the quarry application.

Conflicting schedules between St Marys' fourth public information centre and FORCE's (Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment) annual general meeting forced the latter to reschedule.

"For whatever reason we ended up with two events scheduled for the same night," said FORCE chair Graham Flint. "We took the position that at this time it didn't make sense (to hold an AGM on the same day). It's an important meeting - it was supposed to be even more important because originally it was supposed to be (a public meeting determining) the recommended haul route, but whatever."

The AGM is rescheduled for the fall, which coincidentally is when St Marys plans to hold its fifth and final public meeting.

"We're going to go to the fall now (for the AGM). I hear they're (St Marys) going to the fall again - let's make sure we don't do this again," Flint said. "We'll put our date on the schedule and we'll see what happens."

Carlisle resident Bonnie Lendrum had no interest in being at a St Marys public meeting.

"I'm not happy about being here this evening - I would much rather be at the annual general meeting of FORCE," she said.

Lendrum said information on St Marys' display boards at the Carlisle community centre arena regarding the second and third public information centres "is fluffly." She noted the second meeting last November was attended by more than 250 local residents.

"There are less than 50 responses on the board," Lendrum said. "The community did the right thing and did not respond to the (haul route) preferences, but you've used that information."

She also noted a placard outlining responses from the third public information centre in January, when a crowd of about 150 emptied the Carlisle Community Centre less than 20 minutes after the start of the meeting.



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Display boards at a June 23 meeting at the Carlisle Community Centre arena outlining St Marys' haul route preferences used trace amounts of public feedback, says Carlisle resident Bonnie Lendrum.
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